

Prepare the way of the Lord!
ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE
Thursday, December 4 at 7 P.M.

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

A Holy Day of Obligation
Monday, December 8, 2014
Mass at 6:30 A.M., 9 A.M. and 7 P.M.



With holiday season quickly approaching, many people, possibly including yourself, will be out and about doing some shopping in the coming weeks. While you're out shopping, would you consider adding one more child/family to your "Good" list? The Christmas Giving Tree was put up at the parish chapel in support of the West Valley Community Services and Sacred Heart Community Services annual drive. We are aggressively requesting your generous donations as two community centers will be the beneficiaries of your gifts and contributions this year. Each ornament on the tree represents an item that will be useful and/or give happiness to the underprivileged children and family.

Please stop by the Christmas Giving Tree to pick out an ornament and/or gift tag. Unwrapped gifts should be delivered to the parish and placed under the tree **no later than Tuesday, December 9, 2014.**

Did You Know?

Reaching Out to Others

St. Joseph of Cupertino School focused on reaching out to children in need across the world as they enjoyed the fun of Halloween celebrations. During the daytime on Halloween, the 7th graders and SJC Room Parents planned and ran a "Mission Carnival." The Carnival had lots of great activities and enjoyable treats. All proceeds were donated to the Missions. The student body recently blessed and sent off a donation of \$1,250 to Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur Missions (in honor of Sr. Peter Joseph and in memory of Sr. Vivian).

Carnival Profits

Carnival 2014 was a huge success! Our final profit is \$50,458! We appreciate the support (and patience!) of all of our parishioners.



Guadalupe Celebration Coming, Dec. 12!!!

Please mark your calendars for the 27th anniversary celebration of the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Friday evening, December 12th. Rosary at 6:30 and Mass at 7:00 p.m. This very festive Mass here at St. Joseph's will be concelebrated by Bishop McGrath and several priests, and will include the Mariachi Azteca, the Guadalupe drama and liturgical dance. A grand fiesta with traditional Mexican food, Mexican dancers, and piñatas will follow Mass in the parish hall. For more information, please contact Mariqueta Churchill at (408) 245-3504.

What better way to prepare for Christmas than to come to this beautiful celebration!

May Our Lady comfort and enlighten your heart.

May she be present to you and guide all the members of your family.

May you grow closer to Our Lord Jesus Christ, through His most Blessed Mother.



The St. Joseph of Cupertino Kindergarten Information Night is Tuesday, January 13, 2015 at 7p.m.

Preschool Information Night is Wednesday, January 21, 2015 at 7p.m.



If you have any questions, contact:

Principal Mary Lyons at (408) 252-6441
Principal.2014@sjcschool.org; or

Preschool Director Jean Wilson at (408) 252-9778
JuniorJaguars.2014@sjcschool.org; or

Development Director Mary Ann Kimm at (408) 252-6441
development@sjcschool.org or

Go to the school website www.sjcschool.org

Please join St. Joseph of Cupertino Church parishioners in honoring Mary on the First Saturday Devotion (**Dec. 6, 2014**) with Rosary, Mass, and talk with Fr. Athanasius (or substitute) starting at 8:00 am.



GROWING IN FAITH



If you are interested in any of the offerings below, please contact Janice LaMotte in the parish office (408) 252-7653 ext. 30)

“ALIVE IN THE SPIRIT!”

CHECK OUT THE FOLLOWING OFFERINGS:

- DECEMBER 04** PARISH RECONCILIATION 7 P.M.
- DECEMBER 07** Grief Support 12:30 – 2 p.m. Parish Office
- DECEMBER 12** FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE 7 p.m. Mass followed by FIESTA
- DECEMBER 20,21** SIMBANG GABI 5 p.m. Mass followed by Reception
- JANUARY 11** MOVIE AFTERNOON 2 p.m.

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH INVITES YOU TO COME & SEE: Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? Are you baptized in another Christian tradition or baptized Catholic, but without formal religious education?

Our RCIA sessions are held on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. in the Community Center. For more information, please call Janice LaMotte at (408) 252-7653 ext. 30



HELP SPREAD THE FAITH. INVITE SOMEONE TO FIND OUT ABOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH!

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: What is “THE JESSE TREE”?

**BE BETTER PREPARED FOR
NEXT WEEK’S MASS
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 7, 2014**

Read:

Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11; 2 Peter 3:8-14; Mark 11-8

Question for Adults:

With whom could you be more patient this week, as God has been patient with you??

Question for Children:

Whom can you be more patient with?

ACTION

TAKE PART IN OUR PARISH GIVING TREE!!!

Prayer

Lord let me see your kindness and let me spread that to others. Amen.



SJC SCHOOL NEWS



ST. JOSEPH OF CUPERTINO SCHOOL’S ANNUAL DEVELOPMENT DRIVE OFF TO A GREAT START!

We “kicked off” our school’s Annual L.I.F.E. Development Drive, and we have already received over \$16,000 in donations! We are so grateful for your generosity, which inspires us each day. Because of your support, St. Joseph of Cupertino is among the healthiest and most innovative schools in the area. But even more importantly, we are committed to our identity as a Catholic school. If you find yourself in a position to support our efforts, we would be most grateful. God Bless you! If you have not received a copy of the mailing or have any questions, contact the school office (408) 252-6441 or development@sjcschool.org

ANNUAL SCHOOL BUDGET

The SJC School Budget is reviewed each month at the School Board Meeting, and interested parents are invited to attend these monthly meetings. In addition, we offer a detailed explanation of the budget-setting and tuition-setting process at the March meeting each year. We also post a **SUMMARY BUDGET REPORT/PIE CHART** on the school website. To view the summary for **fiscal year 2013-2014**, please log onto www.sjcschool.org, click on School Board under “News and Info” and look for the links under the SJC 2013-1014 Budget Summary article. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the principal at mary.lyons@sjcschool.org and/or the SJC School Board at School.Board@sjcschool.org.

A Thanksgiving Wish to our Parish...

During this season of Thanksgiving, we lift our hearts in prayers of gratitude for all you have done for our school, our families, and our children. Thank you for your continued generosity and kindness. You and your loved ones will be remembered in our prayers.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Love, the St. Joseph of Cupertino School Community

Check out our Preschool and Kindergarten at a special Open House on Sunday, December 7, 2014 from 10:30am – 12:30pm.

Please keep our 6th Grade class in your prayers as they attend Science Camp this week.

CAMPBELL’S LABELS & GENERAL MILLS BOX TOPS Please save Campbell’s labels and General Mill’s box tops during the holiday season and New Year. You may drop them off in the box in the church vestibule. Our parish school redeems them for educational materials.

Thank You! Thank you to the parishioners who joined us for the Chili’s Dining for Dollars restaurant fundraiser.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
 Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
 Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
 Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
 Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
 Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8
 Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

Mass Intentions for the Week

Nov. 29	5:00 PM	Elizabeth Kennedy, Hugh & Catharine Crawford (+)
Nov. 30	8:00 AM	Robert Dust (+)
	9:30 AM	Sanh Nguyen (+)
	11:00 AM	Elisa Carmen Novoa (+)
	5:00 PM	Wan Lan Agnes Lee (L)
Dec. 01	8:30 AM	Rogelio Solleza Bailon , Jr. (+)
Dec. 02	8:30 AM	Margaret Valentine (+)
Dec. 03	8:30 AM	James Forysthe (+)
Dec. 04	8:30 AM	Mrs. Lang Fong Ju (+)
Dec. 05	9:00 AM	Rogelio Solleza Bailon , Jr. (+)
Dec. 06	8:30 AM	Ron Digrandi (+)
	5:00 PM	The Haas Family (L)
Dec. 07	8:00 AM	John, Margaret & Nick Mardesich (+)
	9:30 AM	Yin-Ji Ju (+)
	11:00 AM	Francois & Mary Ma (+)
	5:00 PM	Hari Widjaja (+)



PLEASE PRAY FOR

All victims of war & terrorism, All serving our country in the military, PEACE, and our relatives and friends



Stewardship at St. Joseph of Cupertino

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We are the servants of God, each with his or her own abilities and task. We will be judged good stewards if, at His coming, He finds us ready and conscientiously pursuing the tasks to which we have been called. *Am I ready?*

Stewardship Prayer

Rev. Gregory Kimm, 2009

God rich in kindness and generous in love,
 You call us to be your people, a church, a community of faith.
 You have entrusted St. Joseph of Cupertino Parish to our care.
 Help us to be good stewards, always worthy of your trust.
 As you are attentive to the needs of each of us,
 Enable us to be attentive to the needs of our parish,
 using the gifts you have given us not just for our own good,
 but for the good of all.
 We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Brother, and in the Spirit, who makes us one.
 Amen!



Meant4More Youth Ministry is open to all students in high school. We meet every Sunday from 6-8pm. Come join us and make new friends, learn your faith, play games, sing, go on trips and watch movies. For more information email primomartinez@yahoo.com.

Human Trafficking is the world's fastest growing criminal enterprise and is an estimated \$150 billion a year industry. If you think someone is a victim of trafficking, call 1-888-373-7888. For more information, visit <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/trafficking>

SJC ADVENT CELEBRATION: SIMBANG GABI (NIGHT MASS)

5 P.M. ,SAT., DEC. 20 AND SUN. DEC. 21, 2014

Does your mind, as do many others, skip over Advent, with the hectic busy-ness of pre-Christmas tasks? "Simbang Gabi" (night mass) is a beautiful Advent tradition, originating in the Philippines, that captures the joyful, excited, spiritual waiting that pervades Advent. Simbang Gabi is a novena dedicated to the expectant Blessed Mother, usually during the 9 days immediately preceding Christmas.

"Simbang Gabi" has been observed at SJC as an Advent parish event for the past 7 years. It has been an inclusive Advent celebration that is shared with and embraced by our multi-ethnic parish. The mass is the focal event, with special, uplifting songs and a "parol" (star lantern) offering ritual. A simple fellowship gathering follows.

Our "Simbang Gabi" is a wonderful and unique collaboration of several Catholic churches in the vicinity. The celebration is spread among these churches to complete the 9-day novena. It is a true witness to the Christian spirit of community and unity!

Watch for Flyer!!!



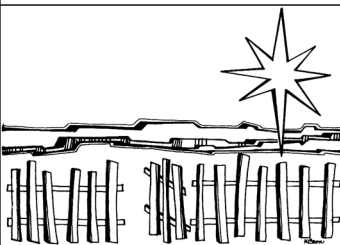
Cub Scout Pack 476 Christmas Wreath Fundraiser

Wreaths will be distributed the weekend of December 6th & 7th. If you have any questions, you can email Jean Roberts at jeanroberts@mac.com. Thank you for supporting Cub Scouting at SJC.



Sessions resume this Wednesday,
Dec. 3 and Sunday, Dec. 7.

"BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY" This ministry is for grieving families. Teams from the parish supply **salads or desserts for a small group** of people in the family's home or our community center following a funeral. *(If you would like to be part of this ministry, please call Marlene at (408) 741-1615)*



First Sunday of Advent November 30, 2014

Be watchful! Be alert!
 You do not know when the time will come.
 — Mark 13:33

Automated Giving is here—Have you signed up yet?

All parishioners are encouraged to give a set monthly amount. There are a number of ways this can be accomplished. You can sign up for online giving by clicking on “donations” on the St. Joseph website home page (www.stjoscup.org). You can use your bank’s online bill pay service to set up a recurring monthly payment to St. Joseph, or you can write one check each month and either drop it in the collection basket or send it to the parish office. If you have questions, please contact the Planned Parish Giving team at ppcteam@stjoscup.org or call Mike Hoffman at (408) 315-1463.

PARISH WEBSITE!!--(stjoscup.org) have you checked out our parish’s website lately? You will find the **bulletin**, a **calendar** of **events** including **funerals**, and links to other **resources** as well as **Sunday homilies**.

PRAYER LINE! (Prayerline@stjoscup.org)

OTHER WEBSITES:

Diocesan Website— www.dsj.org

AmericanCatholic.org—you’ll find information about the Catholic Faith, Saint of the Day, as well as a place for prayer requests!

Vatican—www.vatican.va in English, Italian, French, German, and Spanish

The Christophers website at www.christophers.org.

Loyola Press —www.loyolapress.com

Sacred Space—<http://sacredspace.ie>(good for spirituality & prayer)

Busted Halo —www.bustedhalo.com(good for young adults)

USCCB.org (the U.S. bishops website)

WARNING!!! Not all websites are created equal---be careful that they follow the true Catholic teaching!

CATHOLIC RADIO: 1260 AM (Immaculate Heart Radio)

Check out “Catholicism Series.com” — interesting information about our Catholic faith.

PARISH OUTREACH We welcome your donations of dry and canned foods for our Out reach Closet. Please continue to bring these items with you when you attend weekend Masses. Unfortunately, **we cannot accept any articles of clothing**. All other clothing should be taken to other charitable organizations. Thank you for your support of our program.

WELCOME TO ALL OUR NEW MEMBERS AND VISITORS. Your presence helps enliven our community and we thank and praise our God for each and every one of you. **If you would like to register with our parish, registration forms are in the vestibule and outside the chapel, or online.**

DID YOU KNOW?

We run a **BINGO** game every Monday and Saturday night. **BINGO** is a source of significant funds for our school, along with other donations to outreach, scholarships and other needed charities.

BINGO is in the parish hall. Warm-ups games start a 6:30 PM with the regular games at 7:15 PM. If you are a first time player there, you will receive a free dauber. Come join the fun--and spread the news! Information is also on the parish website under **ACTIVITIES**.

**St. Joseph of Cupertino
Staff Information**

Parish Office: (408) 252-7653 sjparish@stjoscup.org
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Wedding Coordinator – (408)252-7653.....Janice LaMotte

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Altar Server Coordinator..... Rev. Athanasius Kikoba

Infant Baptism..... Rev. Athanasius Kikoba

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Liturgy Committee.....liturgy@stjoscup.org

Communications Committee ..communications@stjoscup.org

Baptism

Please call the parish office to begin the required preparation process.

Marriage

Please contact one of the priests at least six months in advance.

Adult Initiation

If you are interested in becoming a Catholic call the parish office. Our RCIA program looks forward to hearing from you.

Illness

If someone from our parish is ill and would like to receive communion and/or the anointing of the sick, please call the parish office.

Bereavement Ministry

This ministry provides food after a funeral or memorial service. Advance notice is necessary. Volunteers are always welcome to join.

PRAYER REQUESTS? We have a prayer request form on our **website**. All requests are welcome & confidential.